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AUGUST MILK PRICES INCREASE FROM JULY

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during August were up from a month earlier, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of corn and hay decreased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$20.30 per hundredweight of milk sold during August, up 10 cents from July and \$1.70 more than August 2012.

Grain corn, at \$6.54 per bushel, was down 13 cents from July and \$1.49 below August 2012 prices. Hay averaged \$152 per ton, down \$3 from last month but up \$15 from August 2012.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 188 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 12 points (6.0 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 17 points (7.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.6 percent). Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, and broilers and higher prices for milk. In addition to prices, the overall index is affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of cattle, barley, and calves offset the decreased marketing of wheat, corn, and soybeans. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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